

IN ANNUAL SESSION

Congregation of First Presbyterian Church Meets.

SIX DEACONS ARE ELECTED

Delegates to General Baptist Association Conference Leave for Charlottesville Today—Delegates to Methodist Conference Return From Danville.

The congregation of the First Presbyterian church held its annual meeting in the Sunday school room of the church building on Thirty-second street last night at 8 o'clock, disposing of the year's routine business. The meeting was presided over by Rev. E. T. Wellford, pastor of the church, and a large number of the members of the congregation were present.

The principal business of the meeting was the election of six deacons of the church, which was one of the most spirited elections ever held by the congregation. There were about fourteen candidates and it was necessary to take four ballots before the successful candidates could be decided upon. On the first ballot a number of the candidates failed of a majority, as did others on the second and third ballot. The following were finally elected: Messrs. M. C. McNair, A. Shankland, Charles White, E. J. Patton, J. T. C. Keller and T. M. Benson.

Mr. W. E. S. Vaughn was elected secretary of the congregation for the ensuing year and several other routine matters were disposed of. An order was issued authorizing the building committee to pay for the heating apparatus recently installed in the church. The meeting adjourned shortly after 10 o'clock.

Delegates to Baptist Association.

Rev. A. A. Butler, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church; Rev. B. R. Sanford, pastor of the Orville Baptist church; Rev. R. C. Hubbard, pastor of the Second Baptist church, and Mr. Rufus Powell, delegate from the Newport News Baptist church, will leave on the 10:10 train this morning for Charlottesville, where they will attend the General Baptist Association Conference of Virginia, which convenes in that city tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. J. W. Porter, D. D., pastor of the Newport News Baptist church, who is conducting meetings in West Virginia, will attend the conference. It is expected that all of the delegates from this city will return home Saturday night.

Back From Conference.

Judge J. T. Barham, Rev. L. S. Judge J. T. Barham, Rev. L. C. Shearer, pastor of the Grace Methodist church, and Rev. W. B. Beau champ, pastor of the Trinity Methodist church, returned to this city yesterday from Danville, where they have been attending the Methodist State Conference for several days.

THEATRICAL

"The Child Stealers," which was presented at the matinee performance yesterday afternoon by the Arnold Stock Company, pleased a large audience and the house last night was larger than on the opening night. "Midnight in Chinatown" proved to be a very entertaining bill and it was played well with stage settings for all the acts. New specialties were introduced between the acts.

This afternoon that old favorite, "East Lynne" will be played for the benefit of ladies and children. The curtain rises at 3:10 o'clock, allowing school children the opportunity to reach the theater before the rise of the curtain.

Tonight the company presents "Under the Lion's Paw," with new stage settings and a change of specialties. The advance sale for today's performances are larger than the company has yet had.

A \$50 diamond ring will be given away Saturday night to the young lady receiving the largest number of votes. A reserved seat ticket purchased daily before 2 p. m. counts for one vote.

The company also plays a matinee on Friday afternoon and on tomorrow night gives "Lady Windemere's Fan."

Carlotta Risks Her Life.

"Carlotta," who has been termed the most perfectly developed woman in America, will be seen here in her death defying plunge through space on a bleve next Monday and Tuesday nights with Tuesday matinee. "Carlotta" does a loop-the-loop act that is absolutely unique. Starting down an inclined plane near the grid-iron, she plunges at a terrific speed into a loop twenty feet in diameter. The variation of an inch would mean instant death, showing what risks some performers take to earn high salaries, and "Carlotta" is one of the best paid artists in the business.

Supporting "Carlotta" is an excellent vaudeville company presenting the following acts: Dida, the creation of woman out of nothing, a feature of Hammerstein's roof garden in New York; the royal band of Rome brought to this country by Miss Helen Gould; Alexander, the phenomenal soprano, originally brought before the public by Mr. Wells some four years ago; Will Dockery, black face comedian; the Chadwick trio, comedy entertainers, and La Belle, comedy juggler.

New Century Club. The New Century Club will hold a meeting at the Huntington school, corner Washington avenue and Thirty-

fifth street, tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Miss Mamie Blair, of Richmond, will deliver an address upon "Italian Painting."

SECOND ANNUAL BALL.

Enjoyable Affair by I. O. S. B. Given at Casino Last Night.

The second annual ball of the Independent Order Sons of Abraham was given at the Casino last night. A large number were present, nearly all of whom were en masque, although a number of spectators were present. Only those in costume participated in the grand march, the ensemble presenting a pretty picture. Soldiers of different countries, troubadours, min-strels, fairies and grotesque costumes of different countries were mingled and a spirit of revelry prevailed.

Two prizes had been offered, one for the best ladie's costume and one for the best gentleman's. Miss Jeanette Gadd, representing a fairy, won the lady's prize, a handsome bracelet, and Julie Fish, representing a Russian Cossack, won the gentleman's prize, a handsome watch fob.

The committee in charge of the ball was composed of J. L. B. Horstman, J. Kassar and I. Kohn. Smidt's orchestra furnished the music.

MARINE NOTES

The Dutch steamship Soestdyk, of the Holland-American Line, will sail today for Rotterdam with a large cargo of exports, including 120,000 bushels of oats.

The German steamship Boud Brook sailed yesterday for Port Antonio, with a cargo of 1,257 tons of coal and 348 tons of bunker coal, all loaded at this port.

The German steamship Barcelona, enroute from New Orleans for Hamburg, loaded 500 tons of bunker coal at this port yesterday.

The repairs to the boilers of the whaleback steamer Bayview have been completed at the local shipyard and the vessel is now loading a cargo of coal.

Arrived Yesterday.

Steamer Caledonia (Ger.), Meitzell, New Orleans—C. H. Argal.

Steamer Bayport, Jensen, Boston—White Oak Coal Company.

Steamer Gloucester, Dizer, Baltimore—Merchants & Miners Transportation Company.

Steamer Princess Anne, Tapley, New York—Old Dominion Steamship Company.

Barges—Tags Covington with Pottsville, Providence; John Scully with C's Thompson, Providence; Scully, Providence; Baden, Boston, (in tow of Bayport).

Sailed Yesterday.

Steamers: Caledonia (Ger.), Meitzell, Hamburg; Boud Brook (Ger.), Hansen, Port Antonio; Gloucester, Dizer, Boston; Menroe, Hupphers, New York.

Schooner Thomas W. Lawson, Crowley, Boston (and not previously).

German Tar Was Held.

Roscoe Johnson, a sailor on the German steamship Caledonia, which loaded bunker coal at this port yesterday, was arrested by the local police at the request of Captain Meitzell, of the Caledonia, who claims the sailor mutined during the vessel's run up the coast from New Orleans. The local police could do nothing in the case, except hold the sailor until the Caledonia was ready to sail last night, when he was returned to the vessel.

TEXAS IN PORT.

Flagship of Coast Defense Squadron Arrived Yesterday.

The battleship Texas, flagship of the coast defense squadron, of which Rear Admiral Dickens is commander, arrived in port yesterday morning from New York and is now anchored in the harbor just below the shipyard. The Texas will remain here until the first week in December when she will sail with the remaining ships of the coast defense squadron for the winter cruise off the coasts of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

The monitors Nevada and Florida, attached to the squadron, are also in port.

Calendar for This Day.

Sun rises 6:44 a. m.
Sun sets 4:56 p. m.
High water 11:27 a. m.; 1:49 p. m.
Low water 5:05 a. m.; 5:59 p. m.

Will Remain Here.

Rev. E. T. Wellford, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, stated yesterday that he has declined a call to a large Presbyterian church in Tennessee.

Mr. Wellford stated that he preferred to remain with the First Presbyterian church in this city. Since assuming the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church in this city, Mr. Wellford has declined a number of calls to large churches in much larger cities.

DRAWS COLOR LINE

W. C. Kelly Refuses to Appear With Negro Actors.

DISPUTE OVER "STAR" ROOM

The Impersonator of Judge Brown Asserts His Independence and Leaves Victoria Theater—Negro Actors Tell Their Side of Story.

Walter C. Kelly, formerly of Newport News and now one of the vaudeville stars of the United States, has created somewhat of a stir among the vaudevillians of New York by drawing the color line. Mr. Kelly did not tackle small game when he started "coon hunting" but took on the biggest in the business and refused positively to appear on the same stage with Williams and Walker.

Williams and Walker are not only the most celebrated actors of their color in the world, but are among the highest priced performers in the business and always appear as "head liners" for any bill which contains their names. They have been in the business for a number of years and have appeared in every first class vaudeville theater in the cities of the country.

The act which Kelly does is an impersonation of scenes taken from the police court of this city, presided over by Judge Brown and observed by him during his residence here. The following account of the difficulty is taken from the New York Morning Telegraph:

W. C. Kelly, who was booked to appear at the Victoria theater this week, created something of a sensation on the stage of that house yesterday afternoon by refusing to appear on the same stage with Williams & Walker, who are the headliners in the bill.

William Hammerstein was hurriedly summoned and appeared to be greatly surprised at Kelly's action. Kelly said he was a Southerner and would not appear on the same stage with negroes.

Mr. Hammerstein drew his attention to the fact that he had known last week that Williams & Walker were to be on the bill and that he had then made no objection.

Kelly had nothing to say to this; nor did he tell Mr. Hammerstein, as he is said to have told others, that he objected because the negroes were occupying what is known as the "star" dressing room.

Mr. Hammerstein hurriedly substituted Toledo & Price for the recalcitrant monologist and the performance went on without a hitch.

George Walker merely laughed when he was told of the incident. "The man is foolish," he said, after a moment's thought. "The day is past for that sort of thing. Both white men and black have a right to earn a living in whatever manner they find most congenial, providing they injure no one else by so doing. We do not obstruct ourselves on white performers, and they need have nothing to do with us if that is their desire. But if vaudeville performers are going to draw the color line, either they or we will have to give up work, for there is hardly a vaudeville show in which colored performers do not appear."

GIVE BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Aid Society of North End Christian Church to Celebrate Tonight.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the North End Christian church will give a birthday party at the church, corner Huntington avenue and Forty-seventh street, tonight from 7:30 to 10 o'clock. The following program will be rendered during the evening:

Music by the choir.
Invocation by the pastor.
Recitation and dialogue by members of the Junior Endeavor.

Musical.
Lecture: "Combination and Cooperation," by the Rev. P. S. Salter, of Norfolk.
Solo, by F. S. Wood, of Norfolk.
Refreshments.

Felony Charged.

Willie Jackson, the negro who was arrested last Saturday for larceny, is now being held for trial on a felony charge. It is alleged that Jackson relieved James Walte, a white man who was arrested Saturday for being drunk, of \$15 and a watch, in the police station Saturday night.

Jackson will be tried by Justice Brown in the police court this morning.

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